The Basic Kobold Warren

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Warren Size

Kobold warrens come in all sizes. Warren sizes are measured by the number of kobolds they hold.

d12 roll	description
1-4	tiny (less than a dozen kobolds)
5-6	small (12 to 24 kobolds)
7-8	medium (25 to 50 kobolds)
9-10	large (51 to 100 kobolds)
11	huge (101 to 300 kobolds)
12	gargantuan (301 to 600 kobolds)

Larger warrens may exist at your discretion, but at that point they would stop resembling kobold warrens and

Kobold warrens are often connected in a network of warrens, so one warren might connect to another. A network of warrens has a shared culture but each individual warren has unique characteristics that separate it from the next. To determine the number of warrens in a network, roll a d12 and use the result.

The Leadership

Without leadership, kobolds are pathetic creatures that post little threat to anyone. However, with the right leader, kobolds are motivated, tricky, and incredibly deadly.

d20 roll	description
1-6	chromatic dragon (pick one: black, blue, green, red, white)
7-10	metallic dragon (pick one: brass, bronze, copper, gold, silver)
11-13	dragon turtle
14-15	leaderless
16-17	half-dragon
18	legendary kobold
19	lich or necromancer (it's an undead warren!)
20	lesser dragon (drake, pseudodragon, wyvern)

If the leader is a dragon, pick an appropriate age for the dragon based on the size of the warren. Generally, the bigger the warren, the bigger the dragon.

Warren Network Focus

While each warren in a network serves its own function, as a whole a network has a general focus. This focus could be an all-consuming obsession, or it could be a slight preference.

d6 roll	description
1	comfort: achieve a sustainable, cozy lifestyle for everyone in the warren
2	hoard: collect all the shinies and valuables and share them with nobody
3	expand: grow borders, numbers, and influence
4	conquer: crush enemies or even just the inhabitants of the surrounding area
5	serve: please the draconic leader of the network and do as they say
6	fortify: protect the warrens from incursion and make them impervious to assault

Individual warrens might share the network's focus, or warrens might specialize to diversify and strengthen the network as a whole. A diverse warren network is a strong warren network.

Primary Defenses

Kobolds protect their warrens with more than just their lives. They set up traps and ambushes to deter invaders.

d6 roll	description
1	dart traps that shoot lethal or incapacitating poisons
2	ambusher tunnels that allow kobolds to assault invaders from hiding
3	hidden explosives and cave-ins
4	barricades at key entrances and exits
5	spike pits and pitfalls
6	a band of lizardfolk mercenaries

For a warren with a fortify focus, roll multiple times as it will be well defended.

Valued Treasure

Each warren has at least something of immense value that serves as the centerpiece of its collection. The kobolds will go to immense lengths to protect the treasure.

d8 roll	description
1	a massive pile of gold and silver coins
2	a gem-studded figure of their primary god
3	an exquisite marble statue stolen from a nearby city
4	a single scale from an ancient dragon
5	a set of ceremonial armor too big for any kobold
6	a magic scepter that sets whoever holds it on fire
7	a black diamond that binds the soul of a fiend
8	a bolt of priceless silk cloth

For a warren with a hoard bonus, roll multiple times as it will have numerous treasures. Larger warrens will also have multiple treasures.

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